



Outturn

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GATHER IN HAPPINESS

Share a comforting sense of deep happiness: it's the time of year when we celebrate coziness and conviviality with our latest collection.

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HOW TO USE OUTTURN

out-turn n. **1** The number of Society bottles produced from a single cask. Varies from cask to cask. A finite number that will, sooner or later, run out. **2** The name given to Society bottling lists, containing Tasting Notes for each recently released Society bottling of which only a limited number are ever available (see above).

Each Society bottling is unique. And each can be identified by its markings. The tasting notes give you an insight into the characteristics of each whisky, and are the best place to start.

You may find yourself drawn to a “Cowboy’s delight” or have a preference for “Big and tingly.” Maybe your instincts lead you to a dram that’s “Like a hug from your Mom” or perhaps to “BBQ smoke by a rolling sea.”

These curious descriptors are your best clue to what you’ll find within each bottle, and are at the heart of The Society’s *raison d’être*.

With The Society’s monthly selection of single cask malts it’s not surprising that some members find it hard to focus on their perfect bottlings. Thankfully it’s not cheating to ask for help. Just call Kensington Wine Market in Calgary at 403-283-8000 (email: scotchguy@kensingtonwinemarket.com) or Keg n Cork in Edmonton at 780-461-0191 (email: dave@kegncork.com) or email us at curious@smws.ca for advice of an expert nature.

PLEASE ENJOY OUR PRODUCTS RESPONSIBLY

ARE YOU ACQUAINTED WITH OUR FLAVOUR PROFILES?

Exploration is the greatest joy of Society membership, roaming the broad vistas of flavour and aroma represented in our single cask whiskies. But exploration without a map can be frustrating.

So we have created 12 distinct flavour categories, each represented by its own colour, from Young & Spritely to Old & Dignified; Light & Delicate to Heavily Peated. These 12 categories offer an alternative to the more traditional method of categorizing whiskies by their region of origin (Islay, Speyside, etc).

Our flavour map gives whisky lovers a far better way to navigate our vast and ever-changing selection of single cask bottlings, many of which are not typical of their region.

YOUNG & SPRITELY

SWEET, FRUITY & MELLOW

SWEET & SPICY

SPICY & DRY

DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

OLD & DIGNIFIED

LIGHT & DELICATE

JUICY, OAK & VANILLA

OILY & COASTAL

LIGHTLY PEATED

PEATED

HEAVILY PEATED

YOUNG & SPRITELY

A WOLF IN WOLF'S CLOTHING

CASK NO. 80.9

\$140.99



**First release from distillery
no. 80 for SMWS Canada**

REGION	<i>Speyside</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>Refill Hogshead</i>
AGE	<i>11 Years</i>
DATE	<i>9 October 2007</i>
OUTTURN	<i>250 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>55.7%</i>

Pinecones, fabric and air freshener strike first in this open and inviting nose. Underlying are textural notes of engine oil, raw barley, earthy turmeric, lemon peel and macadamia nut. Water opens the nose further with white stone fruits, lemon cheesecake, lychee, rosewater, grass, sorrel, wild garlic, pistachio nut and a pebble strewn minerality.

The taste is surprisingly dense for this distillery. Plenty of sooty wax, lime curds, white truffle, dried sage, hazelnut, white balsamic, graphite oil and savoury pastries. With reduction there is a heightened earthiness, more gravelly notes, mineral oil, crushed aspirin, aged white Madeira, perfumed waxes and old Riesling.

SPICY & DRY

NUTTY PROFESSOR'S DRAM

CASK NO. 63.53

\$131.99



REGION	<i>Speyside</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>Refill Barrel</i>
AGE	<i>8 Years</i>
DATE	<i>29 March 2010</i>
OUTTURN	<i>227 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>60.5%</i>

The nose initially opened with flower meadows, Turkish Delight and ice cream – then developed nutty aromas (Magnum ice cream bars, Bounty bar, hazelnut shells, peanut brittle). The palate had good viscosity and body – lots of sweet flavours (toffee, milk chocolate, treacle tart, honey) and a gentle spicy finish of cinnamon.

Water brightened the nose again, offering lemon balm and lemon puffs, perfumed tobacco, shaved oak and almond slice. The palate retained its body and sweetness – chocolate sauce and nuts on raspberry ripple, dark chocolate Brazil nuts, with an even more drying, tingling finish of toasted pine nuts, ginger and pomegranate.

SWEET, FRUITY & MELLOW

MELLOW AND ALLURING

CASK NO. G3.9

\$278.99



REGION	<i>Lowland</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>Refill Hogshead</i>
AGE	<i>36 Years</i>
DATE	<i>28 May 1979</i>
OUTTURN	<i>144 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>46.8%</i>

The rich, inviting nose conjured up an age gone by – polished wood, pipe tobacco in a leather pouch and vanilla pods, with additional alluring sweetness of toffee, honey, Sugar Puffs and pink wafers. The palate also hinted at leather, tobacco and vanilla, with sweeter dimensions of Rich Tea, Garibaldis, toffee and banana loaf.

The impression was of mellow understatement; a very appealing combination of venerable age with a lighter playful touch. Water brought mango, banana chips and bourbon-like wood spices to the nose – a blooming flower to be treated with care. The palate was now juicy, sweet and tropical – eminently quaffable.

DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

STEALTH TRUFFLE PIG

CASK NO. 12.25

\$148.99



REGION	<i>Speyside</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>1st Fill Barrique</i>
AGE	<i>10 Years</i>
DATE	<i>1 April 2008</i>
OUTTURN	<i>267 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>60.4%</i>

A red fruit scented Beaujolais nouveau, sweet abundance of red fruit compotes, furniture polish, treacle tart, nutmeg and spiced fruit chutneys. Also plum wine, orange bitters and sweet roasted peppers. Water brings toasted brioche, buttery croissant, raisins, youthful Petite Champagne cognac, menthol toothpaste and herbal resins - like an aged herbal liqueur.

In the mouth, initially, it's all strawberry jam, wood char, frying bacon, serrano ham, black pepper and maraschino cherry. Some chili oil gives heat and there are suggestions of truffle pecorino and chocolate syrups. Reduction enhances the savoury aspects with notes of brown bread, coal dust, sooty ointments, aspirin, honeydew melon, camphor, sour cherries and blackcurrant cordial. Matured for 9 years in a bourbon hogshead before transfer to a 1st fill charred red wine barrique.

OILY & COASTAL

MARMALADE ROCK POOLS

CASK NO. 10.147

\$163.99



REGION	<i>Islay</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>Refill Hogshead</i>
AGE	<i>10 Years</i>
DATE	<i>3 October 2007</i>
OUTTURN	<i>242 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>60.8%</i>

The nose conjured a scene of coastal calm as the setting sun highlighted salty rock pools beneath the mineralic contours of chalky cliffs. The air carried a faint whiff of perfumed smoke, perhaps from burning heather and gorse, which mixed with the clean and earthy smell of a dunnage warehouse floor.

The palate surprised with a fiery kick like an unexpected chili pepper lurking in honey. Sweetness ensued as the biscuity base of cheesecake mingled with thick cut marmalade to balance with a fruity tang that also encapsulated physalis and kumquat. The finish delivered a wonderfully oily texture and left a lasting taste of fine Cognac and spiced pickle.

LIGHTLY PEATED

ARMCHAIR DANCING DRAM

CASK NO. 4.251

\$179.99



REGION *Highland Island*

CASK TYPE *Refill Hogshead*

AGE *13 Years*

DATE *17 January 2005*

OUTTURN *305 Bottles*

ABV *58.1%*

The nose is a captivating Orkney saga – herbal smoke (garden bonfires, heather moor-burn); followed by sea-shore hints of salty spray and langoustines on beach bonfire barbecues – lastly chocolate limes. The initial palate has a chewy, earthy, salty thread of peat smoke – followed by chocolate and butterscotch (Daim bars), Bounty bars and ice-cream – mouth-filling, lip-smacking and very satisfying indeed – a real arm-chair dram (though you might feel the need to get up and dance occasionally).

With water, the smoke takes a medicinal, shaman's tepee, male bonding turn – with heather flowers and chocolate dancing sensually behind that almost transparent curtain of smoke.

OLD & DIGNIFIED

AN EVIL DUTCH DENTIST'S DRAM

CASK NO. 29.261

\$534.99



Bottled for the 2019 Islay
Whisky Festival

REGION	<i>Islay</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>1st Fill Oloroso Hogshead</i>
AGE	<i>21 Years</i>
DATE	<i>26 November 1996</i>
OUTTURN	<i>257 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>50.3%</i>

Tropical fruits! Hallelujah exclaimed the Panel. A style that harks back to much older examples of this distillery. Beautiful aromas of tropical fruit syrups, lemon jam, muesli, grilling whelks, sandalwood, lightly smoked barley orange oils and camphor. A little water reveals a more farmyard orientation with notes of lemon rind, earth, beach sand, brine, wool, chalk and flints.

The palate is powerful at first with notes of grist, peat oils, fragrant herbs, smoked meats and orange zest. Before returning to these tropical aspects with notes of pink grapefruit and guava. With reduction it goes towards coconut water, treacle, kiln fresh peat smoke, mango slices and pineapple syrup. Majestic whisky! Matured for 19 years in a bourbon hogshead before transfer to a 1st fill Oloroso hogshead.



WHERE TO BUY

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